

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



Lent III - Laetare

Processional Hymn: 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184*

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Service of the Word



Introit - Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **That you may nurse and be satisfied from her provision.**
P I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
C **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!
C **For my comrades’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **That you may nurse and be satisfied from her provision.**

Kyrie - *LSB p.186*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**
P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading – Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

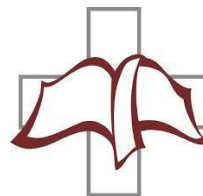
⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has

commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’”¹⁷ And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less.¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.¹⁹ And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.”²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.²¹ Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual – Psalm 122:1, 7

L I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

C Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

Epistle Reading – Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common.⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Tract - Psalm 125:1–2, 5b



L Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

C Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

L As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,

C From this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!

Holy Gospel – John 6:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed - *LSB p.191*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Sermon: “I am about to rain bread from heaven for you”

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Offertory - *LSB p.192*

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Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - *LSB p.194*

Sanctus

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

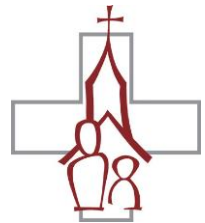
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Distribution

**(Hymns 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,
628 Your Table I Approach)**

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Nunc Dimittis - *LSB p.199*



Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect

Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Lucille Adamoyurka, Tom, Sylvia, Stacy, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Peter Panco, Irene Beishline, Bob & Pat Onder, Ann Gangwer, Bob Mandak, Denae Starry, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, and Bob Drummond

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.

Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

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This Week at St. John's

Monday - Caring and Sharing at 10am

Tuesday - Elders Meeting at the Drummonds' at 7pm

Wednesday - Catechism Class at 6pm

- Evening Prayer Service at 7pm

Thursday - Men's Night at the Tap at Humboldt at 7pm

Sunday - Divine Service at 9am

- Council Meeting after the service

Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 50 Faithful Servants

Lenten Mid-Week Service: 18 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: 4 Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Communion Assistant: David Trovitch

Counters: Nancy Trovitch and Glenn & Amanda

Flowers: In memory of Mother, Kathryn Onder, on 25th Anniversary of her death, and In memory of father, Edward Trovitch, who passed away on February 19, 2024. From Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Memorial: In Memory of my Father, Paul Junas on the 123rd Anniversary of his birth on February 28th.



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www.facebook.com/stjohnshazleton

Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,
Reaching out in Response to God’s Love”

St. John's Lutheran Church has a 'Take it or Leave it' food trolley. Donations received may be a welcome relief to the visitor who is looking for a little help here and there. Thank you!!

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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**Why is Confession
so important
to a Christian?**

Confessing our sins is important!
When we confess them, we see
just how terribly sinful we are.

We also know that sin brings nothing but eternal death and separation from God. When we confess our sins, not only do we see that we are sinful, but we admit to God that we deserve death and separation from Him forever. We are free to admit all of this to Him because we know that Jesus has already died and paid for all of our sins.

**After we have confessed our sins,
is there any hope?**

After Confession comes Absolution, or, the forgiveness of sins! In Jesus we have the sure and true promise of forgiveness of sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Wow! Absolution is *absolutely* wonderful!



Parents: Before the service, read through the confession and explain the words that might be confusing. During the service, help direct your children to the Confession/Absolution as it happens. Remind them that when the Pastor is speaking, it is as if God himself is speaking these words of comfort to us.

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I AM the

BREAD of LIFE

Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.

JOHN 6:35

